

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH



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## MISSION STATEMENT

"Saint Peter's Parish is a community who lives in faith of Jesus Christ and, moved by the Spirit, continues to grow in our love for God and all people."

## The Ascension of the Lord (Year A) 21st May 2023

Readings: Acts 1:1-11    Ephesians 1:17-23    Matthew 28:16-20

### Priority: Implementing Integral Ecology

Consider for a moment the following question: why does the Church exist? We might rephrase the question and ask, what is the Church's mission? On this Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the Gospel reading provides us with an answer. Before ascending into heaven, Jesus says, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations." What is the Church's mission? To make disciples of Jesus. Recent Popes have continued to remind us of this central mission. Pope Paul VI said that the Church "exists in order to evangelize" (EN 14), and Pope Francis wrote that "in all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers" (EG 28). If the Church exists to make disciples, we must consider what is a disciple, and how do we make disciples? This is interconnected with the sixth apostolic priority: Implementing Integral Ecology.

Archbishop Mark writes: Natural and human ecology interact in mysterious and unmistakable ways. To interfere with one is to interfere with the other; to promote the good of one is to promote the good of the other. Fratelli Tutti focuses more upon human ecology in speaking of the radical interconnectedness of all human beings at a moment when alienation and polarisation are making disconnectedness seem the norm. The Church is called in such a moment to be a sign of contradiction, speaking in a way that rises above politics and economics so that a genuinely biblical and Christian voice can be heard.

What is a Disciple? The disciples had a personal relationship with Jesus. They didn't just know him, they also followed him, and allowed him to transform their lives. Do we have a personal relationship with Jesus? To be a disciple is to be filled with the Holy Spirit. This happens for each of us firstly in baptism, but then in confirmation, the sacrament which "perpetuates the grace of Pentecost" (Pope Paul VI) and empowers us for our mission. Beyond this, St Paul reminds us to, "be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Eph 5:18-19).

How do we make disciples? The Australian census data indicates that the fastest growing 'religion' in our Country is that cohort of people who identify as having 'no religion'. Given the decline of Christianity in the West, making disciples can be somewhat of a challenge!

What is the fruit of a disciple? The fruit of the disciple is more disciples. When Jesus called his disciples, he said he'd make them fishers of people. In the Gospel today he calls his disciples to go and do just that – to make disciples! Making disciples means walking in the empowerment of the Spirit received in confirmation to courageously share our faith, hope, and love with others.

Today our Lord calls each of us to go on mission but let us first consider our own journey as a disciple of Jesus. Are we walking in the grace of our baptism and the empowerment of the Spirit received in confirmation? Secondly let us consider the mission Jesus has given to us to make disciples of others. Finally, let us try for an ecological conversion that transforms hearts and minds toward a greater love of God, each other, and creation.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge - (abridged by Fr Johny)

Lamps Ablaze - Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Download the whole document at [tinyurl.com/lampsablaze](http://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze)

### In our parish this week: May 2023

Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27	Sunday 28
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with school children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.30pm Baptism Information Meeting	No Morning Mass 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	No Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.30am Liturgy of the Word - Grade 2	3.30pm - 4pm Nationwide Rosary 5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Rosary 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Pentecost 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy. 10.30am First Holy Communion Preparation Workshop 5.30pm Rosary 6.00pm Mass Cuppa to follow Mass

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Next Sunday 28th May we celebrate the birthday of the church at Pentecost Sunday. **At the 9am Mass we will have a special Multicultural Mass** so please come along and join us for this important celebration in the church's year.



**From Evangelisation Brisbane:** Resources to help engage your children in the celebration of Pentecost can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/pentecost4kids>

**New Ministers needed:** Our Church Cleaning Ministry group is in need of new volunteers as we have had some people move away from the parish area. Groups of 4 or 5 clean the church on a rotational roster, usually on a Saturday morning. We also need more ministers to take Holy Communion to the local nursing homes and the housebound on Tuesday mornings. Please contact the Parish Office or speak to Jo Cullen for more information on joining any of our Ministry groups.

**Weekday evening Mass trial:** Final this Wednesday evening 24th May: 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 7pm Mass. NOTE: no morning Mass this Wednesday and no Mass at all on Wednesday 31st May.

**First Holy Communion preparation:** Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for their workshop on Sunday 28th May. The children will receive Holy Communion for the first time at the 9am Mass on Sunday 11th June.

**World Environment Day:** Masses on 3rd and 4th June To counter the over-consumption that marks our time, we will hold the "Great Give-away". (Kitchen items, table ware, clothing and accessories, gardening items, tools etc) Bring along one or two items in good condition (except electrical items) that you no longer use or want to keep and place these on the tables in the Parish Centre before Mass. After each Mass, Parishioners are invited to view the 'treasure' and take any items that they can use. It is a way of giving 'new life' to an item, so that it is useful and functional again and perhaps limiting the need to consume new materials and resources. Any items left over will be donated to Vinnies. A Community-Building and Earth-Friendly Activity.

**Those who have died:** Bernadette McLay, Hazel Stone, Bill Tincknell

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Charlie & Alma Adamson, Evelyn Jean Bishop, Joyce Lynagh, Beatrice Jones, Jeffrey Martin, Patricia Stanfield, Carl Becker, Dulcie Jones, Ken Kearney, Joyce Booth, Ruby Brownlee, Nidya Vellido, Sandra Chapman, Fr Michael Carew, Ken Thorley, Joshua Duffy, William More Campbell, Bernard Gibbs, Terry Ahern, Brigid Lohmeier, John Mulherin, Walter Blattman, Richard Gallagher, Dorothy Wilson, Moreen McMahon

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially:**

Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Don O'Donoghue, Phillip Van Rooyen, Kevin Collier, Leigh O'Shea, Kerriane Meulman, Ray Parker, Dawn Evans, Kathy Seymour, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, P.J. Paul, Maureen Flynn, Lien Pham (Maria), John Donohue, Harriet Ling, Rhonda Lawson, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Sr Lila Galvin, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Mel Singh, Pat McDonnell, Katie Costello, Kathy Jensen.

Please contact the Parish Office via phone or email to add names to the list for Prayers for those who have died or who are sick.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public prior to contacting the Office.

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Readings for next weekend:

**Pentecost Sunday (Yr A)**

Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

*A very special thank you to all our Ministry Group members in this Volunteer Week 2023.*

**St Vincent de Paul:** Date claimer: **Winter Appeal Fun Day** Sunday 18th June from 10am to 2pm on the grassed area beside the church. Fun for all the family. Please put this date in your diaries. **Raffle tickets** on sale this weekend \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. Raffle drawn on 18th June. Also selling locally made wheat bags (great as **heat packs**) for \$10 each.

St Vinnies is always looking for **new members**, please contact John Blake on 0411196775 or Kevin Fry 0417 002 782

**Urgent:** A family is in need of **cheap housing locally** - contact the Parish Office if you can help.

**Nationwide Rosary:** National Holy Rosary to Our Lady Help of Christians, on Saturday 27th May between 2-4pm. Join Fr Johny at St Peter's from 3.30 to 4pm in the church. If you are unable to attend, please pray in your home or wherever you are.

**Grocery donations:** When you are able, please bring non perishable grocery items and place them in the baskets in front of the altar at Mass. With your help, Fr Johny will be able to continue to give assistance to those who need help, especially within our own parish.

**OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME**  
**Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 4th-20th Oct 2023:**

For more information, please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email [salenihan@hotmail.com](mailto:salenihan@hotmail.com) asap.



**Entertainment Memberships:** Support St Peter's Parish Fundraising and get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals at a huge number of dining, retail, tourism and accommodation businesses. Great gift for Mother's Day!

**Special Offer for Mother's Day** Until Midday Wednesday 24th May receive a bonus \$20 Gift Card when you purchase a 12-month Membership or a \$40 Gift Card with a 24-month Membership. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>



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## ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

Phone: 1800 846 643

**FAITH MATTERS:**

**Ascension Sunday: Why are we staring at the sky?**

Luke tells us that after Jesus was lifted up while they looked on, the Apostles stood about amazed and bewildered staring at the sky. They were challenged by two angels who asked, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky?"

We might well ask ourselves the same question with even greater intensity. The Apostles were amazed, bewildered, and perhaps even scared at the events of the last 50 or so days. Their world had collapsed, Jesus had been crucified, resurrected, and now had disappeared into a cloud. Even though Jesus had given them instructions to remain in Jerusalem and to await a baptism of the Holy Spirit, they were perhaps caught up too much with their immediate sense of loss and fear of retribution from the Jewish authorities.

We don't have that excuse. We know the rest of the story, and even this Sunday we eagerly await the Feast of Pentecost next Sunday to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

We, like the Apostles have our instructions to go into the world, to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Trinity and teaching them to observe Jesus' commands. We also have the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and encourage us to do just that, so let's stop staring at the sky, or the lovely interior of the cathedral or the candles or the decorations and get to work to take Christ to this broken world.

*Faith Enrichment Ministry*

**Youth Update**

**New members always welcome!**

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**Please contact our Youth Ministry Coordinators, Feba & Shenelle using the contact info above, for information about Rochedale Youth**

**High School Youth Group** - moving to Sunday nights 7pm - 8pm in the Parish Centre after 6pm Mass. Fun, food, friendship....Next gathering this Sunday 21st May.

**Primary School Youth Group** Sunday 4th June 10.15am to 11.15am in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass.

**Young Adults** - Meet for a Coffee & Chat to brainstorm ideas on Sunday 21st May 10.30am at Flying Pepper Cafe, Rochedale Estates.



**St Peter's Planned Giving:**

We would be very grateful, if you are able, to support the Parish financially. There are several options.

**Via Direct Bank Transfer:** To direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account, our BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 100000067. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

**Envelopes, Credit Card or Direct Debit:** Please contact the Office to set these up.

**'Parish Giving' App:** The logo to look for in the app store is a yellow and white cross forming a circle on a purple background. See our parish website for detailed 'User Guides'.

**Tap & Go Donations:** No cash at Mass? Try our donation terminal near the main doors: \$10 donation per swipe to support St Peter's Parish.

Roster: 27th & 28th May	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Baji Itteera	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Mick Denton	Michael Collier
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. David Crowley 2. Jo Cullen	C. Del Reynolds 1. Shenelle Nelson 2. Alina George	C. Cesarina Gigante 1. Lynn White 2. David Roati
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Shelagh Ballment Sharon Fong	Alan Vigor Joan D'Netto Anne Scanlon	Vickie Routledge Ann Maree Collier John Blake
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Jo Cullen, Liberty			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass :Sunday 28th May after 6pm Mass: Kate Guy, Malcolm Carroll			
This week 21st - 27th May		Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam	Counting: Bob's group



**Are you new to our Parish? WELCOME!! WELCOME!!**

We'd like to formally greet you, so please contact the Parish Office on **3341 4421** or **stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au**

**OTHER PARISH CONTACTS**

**Care & Concern: Transport:** 0450 287 902

♥ **Co-ordinator:** Lynn White 0403 051 103

♥ **Memorial Wall & Gardens:**

Mal Jensen 0411 641 312

♥ **Evangelisation Task Group Facebook**

♥ St Peter's Catholic Parish Evangelisation

**Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults**

**Representative:** Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or  
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**STOpline:** 1300 304 550

**Social Justice Group Facebook**

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

**St Vincent de Paul:**

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

## Around the Archdiocese

**Corpus Christi Procession: Sunday 11 June, 2pm.** Join with over 4000 other Catholics making a public testimony of faith by walking in a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Brisbane city. It will be a colourful display as groups gather from all across the Archdiocese of Brisbane to represent their parish or cultural community. The Corpus Christi Procession will start and end at the **Cathedral of St Stephen** and feature prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

**Transport:** The Archdiocese is subsidising a bus for anyone who would like to attend the Corpus Christi procession. Depending on numbers, the bus would leave from Woodridge or possibly St Peter's. Cost is \$5 return per person, \$20 for family of 4 and over. Please put your name on the list at Mass or email Jo if you would like to go on the bus. Numbers needed by **Monday 22nd May!**

The weekend will also feature a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition (10th & 11th June in the Cathedral precinct's Francis Rush Centre) and a vigil night of adoration (10th June from 7pm to 11th June 8am, in the Mary MacKillop Chapel).

Find out more at [www.corpuschristibrisbane.com](http://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com)

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service:** A Prayer Service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is being held on Sunday May 21st at 4pm at the St Andrews Uniting Church at 299 Ann St, Brisbane. All are most welcome to attend.

**Job Vacancies at Springfield Parish Office:** Parish Manager (24 hours pw) & Evangelization and Pastoral Associate (25 hours pw) Please email Fr Baiyi Gong at [pp.springfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.springfield@bne.catholic.net.au). Applications close on Sunday, May 28. See the noticeboard.

**A Morning's Prayer: Saturday June 3rd from 9am to 12pm** a 3-hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend some quality time with God at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston - Cost: \$20. The topic for the event will be **"Knowing and Loving Our God."** We will delve into understanding who God is for us and the mystery of the Trinity, through input, personal prayer, meditation and fellowship in a space designed to facilitate an encounter with God.

To register contact the Evangelisation Brisbane Adult Formation Team via [formation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:formation@bne.catholic.net.au).

**Catholic Leadership Intensive:** In these 10 sessions, clergy and laity will learn side-by-side as we explore contemporary leadership practices integrated with scripture and the example set by Jesus and His followers - an opportunity to grow and develop in your leadership

When: 7-9pm Mondays, 29 May - 14 August 2023

Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary Banyo

Cost: From \$150 for groups and individuals under 35 years old

Find out more and register at

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/leadershipintensive>

**Engaged Encounter - Marriage Preparation Course - July 2023.**

Engaged Encounter will have a live out weekend July 15 & 16, 2023 for couples at Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra. Engaged Encounter is a marriage preparation weekend that facilitates honest and constructive dialogue for engaged couples. Active in over 200 dioceses around the world, CEE is an internationally recognized Marriage Preparation Course within the Catholic Church. For more information kindly go to [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au) or email [cee.brisbane@gmail.com](mailto:cee.brisbane@gmail.com) or call 0481 307 821

**Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration:**

Register now for the National Conference on Liturgy and Liturgical Music to be held in Brisbane from 28-30 September. It is rare to have expert liturgists, liturgical musicians, and educators together in one place for three days of focussed input. In addition to 6 keynote presentations and over 50 workshops, there will be opportunities to engage in facilitated discussions, and to participate in the Conference Mass as well as Morning and Evening Prayer. Register at <https://mysteryandmission.com.au>. Earlybird discount for those registrations received by 30 May

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